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concerning parachute training for civilians and civilian parachutist clubs in Hungary.

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DATA:

A) Concerning civil parachutists.

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[redacted] the MHS (Magyar Honvedelmi Sportszovetseg) [Hungarian Home Defense Sport Federation] was formed as the successor to MOHOSZ; ~~from the~~ MHS members are ^(recruited from) primarily reserve officers, discharged soldiers, instructors in home defense sports, and members of Ministry of Interior agencies (AVH, etc.).

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[redacted] it is not yet possible to specify or determine exactly what importance the members of the main organization will have in the area of ^{pre-} military training.

The Czech SVAZARM was taken as its model, and this spring special sport committees traveled to Czechoslovakia to study it. The SVAZARM is declaredly a paramilitary organization with a sport character.

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[redacted] the build-up of a national network for the organization is still under way [redacted]

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[redacted] the training branches started so far, only the parachutists have military importance. ~~In his estimation~~

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1./ General ~~...~~

a) The parachutists continue as a parachutist group of the MRE; these groups are subordinate to the MHS through the MRE.

However, the several parachutist groups within the MRE are also directly under central leadership ^{which} ~~and this leadership~~ consists exclusively of military and party personalities.

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[redacted]

b) In the summer of 1957, all larger groups started training according to the following principles: 1) biweekly ~~tournaments~~ ^{employers} for beginners, 2) biweekly ~~tournaments~~ for advanced jumpers, and 3) bimonthly ~~tournaments~~ for qualified jumpers (the best).

Participants were paid by their civil ~~places of work~~ during the ~~tournaments~~.

2./ The Postal Employees Parachutist Club, Budapest.

It is a very important club.

The ~~three~~³-week instructors' course was finished for this year at the end of September 1957. Deep ~~[high altitude]~~^(see below) jumping was included in the course.

The leader of the course was a person named Neu, he is ~~one~~^{allegedly} of the best jump trainers in the country.

Exams were given at the Alag airfield. The Esztergom team got first place.

Training of women, gets special emphasis at this club, as auxiliary signal personnel and as nurses,

[redacted] the following of the best women jumpers: Katalin Papp, 50X1-HUM
Kumenszky, Rajcsanyi, Ottilia Pataki.

3./ The Elore [Forward] Club, Budapest.

One of the best qualified clubs. At present six "qualified jump groups" belong to the club; this means the members of the groups have performed the prescribed exercises successfully. Three of these groups set new national records in deep jumping. They jump from 1,000 meters and open the chute at 56.5 meters from the earth.

4./ The Hajduszoboszlo Club.

All Tiszantul [Trans-Tisza] training is done at the ~~airfield~~^{Sport} there using PO-2 type planes.

5./ The Ferenc Rakoczi Military Secondary School Parachute Group.

A training ~~tournament~~ was held at the Tapolca airfield this summer under this name; the training director was Laszlo Felkay.

5./ [sic] In August 1957, a large group from the MRE parachutist department participated in the air show held in Tirat, Yugoslavia. This was a hard

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problem because they had to jump into the sea and after getting rid of the
chute they had to carry out a shooting ^(exercise) ~~test~~.

This meeting had significance in the area of normalizing Hungarian-
Yugoslav sport relationships.

This was the first time since 1948 that Bulgars and Russians were at
this meet.

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